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SUBJECT: ACTION COMMITTEE FOR THE UNITED STATES OF
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1. JACQUES VAN HELMONT, MONNET'S CLOSEST ASSOCIATE IN THE ACTION COMMITTEE FOR THE UNITED STATES OF EUROPE, TELLS US THAT MONNET'S DECISION TO CEASE HIS ACTIVITIES AS PRESIDENT OF THE COMMITTEE WAS REACHED LATE LAST YEAR AND WAS NOT A DIRECT CONSEQUENCE OF THE STATE OF HIS HEALTH. (TWO MONTHS AGO MONNET BECAME SERIOUSLY ILL AND WAS HOSPITALIZED FOR SEVERAL WEEKS. HE IS NOW COMPLETING HIS CONVALESCENCE.) ACCORDING TO VAN HELMONT, MONNET HAD CONCLUDED THAT, BECAUSE OF HIS ADVANCED AGE (HE IS 86), HE NO LONGER HAD THE NECESSARY VIGOR TO PROVIDE THE LEADERSHIP WHICH THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE WERE
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ENTITLED TO EXPECT FROM HIM AND WISELY DECIDED TO RETIRE

WHILE HE COULD STILL DO SO OF HIS OWN FREE WILL.

2. SOME THOUGHT WAS GIVEN TO KEEPING THE ACTION COMMITTEE ALIVE UNDER A NEW PRESIDENT, BUT THIS WAS FINALLY ABANDONED WHEN IT BECAME APPARENT THAT A MAN OF SUFFICIENT PRESTIGE WHO COULD ALSO REFLECT A CONSENSUS AS MONNET HAD OF THE VARYING POLITICAL TENDENCIES OF THE MEMBERS COULD NOT BE FOUND.

3. MONNET HAS ESTABLISHED A SMALL PRIVATE OFFICE IN NEUILLY AND WILL REMAIN ACTIVE, PRIMARILY ON A BOOK HE IS WORKING ON. THE EMBASSY HOPES TO CONTINUE THE INFORMAL CONTACT WHICH IT HAS MAINTAINED WITH HIM OVER THE YEARS.
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